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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80759

Shunsaku MIYAZAWA, et al.

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Examiner: Dennis T. DICKER

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For: IMAGE OUTPUT METHOD, IMAGE OUTPUT DEVICE, AND RECORDING
MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAM USED FOR IMAGE OUTPUT DEVICE

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated May 5, 2008. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase claims 1 and 15, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention.

Further, Applicant does not agree with the characterization of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 7,014,374 to Hamaguchi et al. (prior art) set forth in the Statement.

Applicants also notes that independent reasons, other than those cited by the Examiner, exist for the allowability of independent claims 1 and 15.

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Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the “Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed,” 1247OG111 (6/26/01), “a response to the examiner’s reasons for allowance” is an example of a paper that does “not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.” Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated May 5, 2008.

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